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CONTROL SYSTEM

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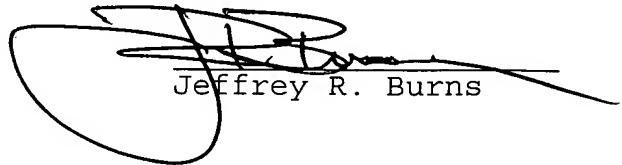
Jeffrey R. Burns, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application, declares as follows:

1. That I am a citizen of the United States of America and all the foregoing acts and conceptions recited below occurred in the United States of America.
2. That prior to September 19, 2001 I conceived of the arrangement and method claimed in the above-identified application.
3. That sometime in April, 2001 I attended an appointment with William J. Crossetta, a Patent Attorney, for advice concerning the protection that may be available in regard to the arrangement and method of the invention, wherein I disclosed the arrangement and method of my invention to him.
4. That on or about May 15, I received from Mr. Crossetta, a follow-up letter dated May 14, 2001, whereupon he recited a generic summary of the invention as I disclosed it to him and attached as EXHIBIT A is a copy of said letter, describing the invention, with confidential information redacted.
5. That the inventive method and arrangement of devices recited in the claims of the above-identified invention was conceived

wholly by me without knowledge of the disclosure in Provisional Application 60/323,475 filed September 19, 2001.

The declarant further states that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Date: 4/14/05



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RE: SECURITY SYSTEM

Dear Mr. Burns:

This is to confirm our meeting several weeks ago and today's telephone conversation wherein we discussed the above-identified matter.

As I understand your system, it generally applies to controlled access institutional environments that require a means to provide a photo identity card to visitors, means to permanently record data concerning such visitor and means to access available data banks for alerting the institution of any criminal and the like problem which might effect the suitability of such visitor. All of this is to be done through a system which requires minimal hands on work by the institution.

It is my understanding that you contemplate a system wherein the visitor enters data into a computer system, either manually or automatically through a automobile license or other photo-identification card, the system automatically takes a photo of the individual, the photo and/or data is compared to available data banks to assure identification and/or pertinent criminal and the like records and then generates a photo-ID card comprising name and entry parameters.

It is my further understanding that you believe the hardware is generally available for such system but that it would have to be selected and assembled as appropriate, and that the software is to be developed by you in concert with another.

It is my understanding that you have identified a consultant who will produce the software for you and that [REDACTED] has provided you with an appropriate agreement with which you have contracted a work-for-hire arrangement to have the consultant produce the necessary software. It is my understand-

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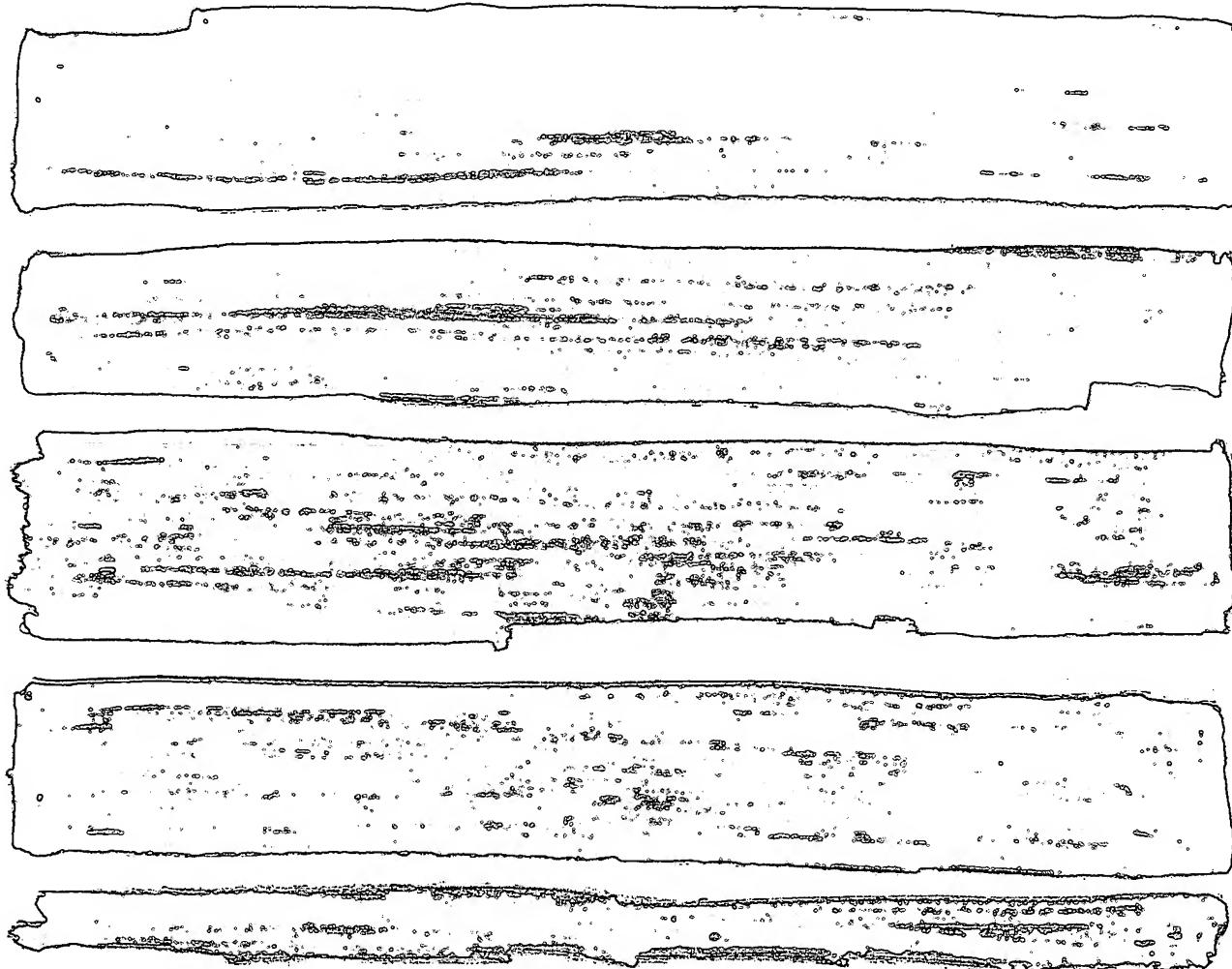
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ing that you now desire to begin work on producing an appropriate package for protecting your idea, the assembly generating the ID, and the software which would be used in the assembly.

In our meeting, I advised you that we should consider a multi-pronged approach, which included filing a patent application in regard to the generic system including hardware assemblies, filing a patent application regarding the specific program you are developing, filing a Copyright on the computer program, filing Copyrights on sales literature and consider protecting Trademarks in regard to your system once same have been developed.

From today's telephone conversation, I understand the software development is moving forward and you wish me to move forward on the generic system patent effort.



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Please call me as soon as possible so that we can arrange an appropriate meeting.

Very truly yours,

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William J. Crossetta, Jr.

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